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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 12/30/1999

To: Salt Lake City

From: Salt Lake City
Monticello RA

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 198C-SU-NEW

Title: [REDACTED]

NAVAJO NATION - VICTIM;
CIR - THEFT OF INDIAN ARTIFACTS;

Synopsis: EC to open case.

Details: On 12/30/1999, writer was contacted by San Juan County Sheriff's Office [REDACTED] who advised that he had spoken with BLM [REDACTED] regarding the possible theft of Indian artifacts on the Navajo Indian Reservation.

[REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that she was contacted, on 12/29/1999, by [REDACTED] on the Navajo Indian Reservation, who advised that he had picked up a hitchhiker, near the oil field off county road 442 near Boundary Butte, Utah. The hitchhiker identified himself as [REDACTED] (ph) from Farmington, New Mexico.

[REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that his pick-up truck became stuck in the sand as he was driving from several Indian ruins where he had found a prehistoric ax head. [REDACTED] has heard that [REDACTED] is a pot digger.

On 12/30/1999, writer and SA [REDACTED] searched several Indian ruins in the area identified on a map by [REDACTED] with negative results.

The area identified by [REDACTED] on the map, is located within the exterior boundaries of the Navajo Indian Reservation.

A three page copy of [REDACTED] report is attached and made part of this EC.

It is recommended that this case be opened and assigned.

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To: Salt Lake City From: Salt Lake City
Re: 198C-SU-NEW, 12/30/1999

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at the Navajo Nation Reservation, Utah, on January 12, 2000:

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[redacted] was interviewed at the oil wells [redacted] near the intersection of roads 443 and 442.

[redacted] stated that on December 12, 1999, two of his workman [redacted] telephone number [redacted] and [redacted] telephone number [redacted] picked up [redacted] who was hitchhiking just off County Road 442 near Boundary Butte. [redacted] men told him that [redacted] stated that his vehicle was stuck in sand off County Road 442. [redacted] was from Farmington, New Mexico and he was there searching archeological sites near where his vehicle was stuck. [redacted] stated that he had found an ax head.

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A physical investigation of the area was conducted at the time of this interview. No sign of recent digging could be found.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] and [redacted] could provide further information. [redacted] said that he knew [redacted] to be a pot digger and did not trust him or want him around his oil wells.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on 02/01/2000:

San Juan County Sheriff [redacted] telephone number [redacted] of Monticello, Utah, advised that [redacted] is known in the area as a pot digger and has previously been convicted of pot digging.

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Additional information provided to Sheriff [redacted] through one of his confidential sources indicates that another pot digger, on the reservation south of Bluff, goes by the name of [redacted].

Sheriff [redacted] stated that he would contact the writer at a later date with more information.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]
[redacted] at Farmington, New Mexico on January 25, 2001.

The home of [redacted] was located at [redacted]
[redacted] was not at the
residence. [redacted] wife stated that [redacted] was at work at Three
Rivers Trucking in Farmington.

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SA [redacted] found Three Rivers Trucking at 603 East Murray
Drive. In speaking to the employees there it was found that
[redacted] did work there but was presently out "in the field". No
further progress was made.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/30/2001

To: Salt Lake City

From: Salt Lake City
Monticello RA
Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 198C-SU-52103 (Pending)

Title: [REDACTED]
NAVAJO NATION - VICTIM;
CIR - THEFT OF INDIAN ARTIFACTS

Synopsis: EC to close case

Details: On 12/30/1999, writer was contacted by San Juan County Sheriff's Office [REDACTED] who advised that he had spoken with BLM [REDACTED] regarding the possible theft of Indian artifacts on the Navajo Indian Reservation. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that she was contacted, on 12/29/1999, by [REDACTED] an oil worker on the Navajo Indian Reservation, who advised that he had picked up a hitchhiker, near the oil field off county road 442 near Boundary Butte, Utah. The hitchhiker identified himself as [REDACTED] (ph) from Farmington, New Mexico.

[REDACTED] the oil worker who reported the incident, has previously indicated that he does not like [REDACTED] and wants him to stay out of the area where [REDACTED]. This is the same location where [REDACTED] was reported to have found an Indian artifact.

Writer has been unable to contact [REDACTED] in Farmington, New Mexico. During a telephone conversation between writer and SSRA [REDACTED] on or about October 18, 2001, it was mutually concluded that because of the problems involved in locating [REDACTED] the nature of the crime and a lack of evidence in the case, the resources required at this time to locate [REDACTED] for interview would be best spent elsewhere. The case will be reopened at a later date if new evidence emerges.

No evidence exists with the FBI in this case that needs to be disposed of. Writer recommends that this case be closed.

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